

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A compound, said compound being 2,6-nonadienamide, N-ethyl-, (2E,6Z).

18. (Currently amended) A method of enhancing the salty taste of a foodstuff or beverage ~~containing salt which comprises, said method comprising the step of~~ adding a salt enhancing level of the compound of claim 17 ~~and mixtures thereof.~~

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the ~~compound is added at a salt~~ enhancing level ~~[[of]]~~ is from about 100 parts per billion to about 100 parts per million by weight.

20. (Currently amended) A foodstuff, said foodstuff comprising the ~~salt taste enhancer of compound of~~ claim 17.

21. (Currently amended) A process for augmenting, enhancing, or imparting a taste or somatosensory effect to a foodstuff ~~or beverage, said process comprising the step of adding a~~ taste or sensation augmenting, enhancing, or imparting ~~quantity and concentration level~~ of the compound of claim 17.

22. (Currently amended) The process of claim 21, wherein the level is greater than about 50 parts per billion by weight.

23. (New) A beverage, said beverage comprising the compound of claim 17.